

Candlewood Shores Tax District Board Meeting – April 15, 2026 at 7:30pm at the Clubhouse

Call to Order

Angelo Aldana called the meeting to order at 7:30pm and there were two non Board members in attendance and nine online.

Roll Call

Angelo Aldana – President – Present
Jonathan Lepler – Director – Present
David Samuels – Director – Present
Douglas Jenks - Director – Present
Michael Walsh – Director – Present on Teams

Hearings: None

Guests: None

Approval Minutes

Angelo made a motion to accept the March minutes with the change that David was in person and Doug was not present. Jon seconded. All in favor.

First Public Comment Period:

Jon Lepler – 3 Longview Drive – Incident last week a nine year old child was attacked by a dog. Asked that if your dog is outside to have them on a line or if trained on the electric fence.

Adam Dean – 18 Mountainview Drive - Request to maintain the baseball field and would ask for funds for new clay. David made a motion to allow \$100 for the purchase of bases. Angelo seconded. All in favor.

Treasurer’s Report

Tax - \$2,497,378.79
Water - \$180,251.78

Management Report

1. Action List – SPM went through the action list report.
2. Permit Requests/Compliance Discussion – There were no items on this report.
3. Resale Report – There have been no changes to the report.
4. Delinquency Report – The Board was provided with the reports.

Committee Reports

1. 1. Beautification – Elizabeth stated that the roadway boxes should be installed sooner rather than later.

2. Recreation –

Our first band night of the year was generously donated by our neighbor, Rebecca Newman, on May 9th from 5-8pm at the beach! The band is Almost Ablaze. It’s open to all residents! An email was sent to the community on 4/1/26. Rain date: Sunday May 10, 2-5pm

Music Trivia Bingo - Jan, Feb, Mar events were all great, very well received. We are discussing a possible summer kids trivia event at the beach. We will pick up adult music trivia bingo, monthly events in the fall.

Annual Egg Hunt - beautiful weather, big success, approx. 40 children. Community service hours granted

to three teens who helped with this event.

Newcomer initiative- Mikaela is working on details for June 14th Sunset Social event (around 4:30pm-5:00pm).

2026 Shores Apparel rollout- our latest online apparel store is ready to launch! Awaiting Board's approval. Orders will be accepted online through 5/10/26, for an early June delivery. We added more baby/youth options, beach towels, hoodies...and kept some of our original/classic items as well.

Summer events - the save-the- date email went out on 3/31/26, for our summer events. Band, picnic and movie vendors have all been reserved. Each of our three band nights will have a different food truck. Residents will pay for their own food. Individual community-wide emails will be sent out prior to each event with all of the details.

Next Recreation Committee meeting set for April 21st at 7pm at the clubhouse.

3. Safety/Security – An email will be sent to the community reminding residents to be very careful and watch their dogs on the property as there were two instances.
4. Ordinance – The committee is looking to schedule a meeting in the future.
5. Landscaping Report –

- This past month has been transitioning all the equipment out of winter and into spring
- Stick removal has been completed and wood chips placed on walking paths
- Leaf pick up is complete
- The mulching has been completed
- The grass area above the beach has been raked of all the geese pop from the winter
- Volleyball net is back in place
- Potholes are being addressed
- Plow damaged areas have been addressed
- Road sweeping will begin this week
- The docks will go out at the end of the month and new beach sand will be brought in.

The Board is also obtaining a cost from the maintenance company to see if it would resolve concerns that landscape debris that is not picked up during sticks and leaf pickup.

There was also a discussion on bulk dumpster service for the community.

6. Harbormaster – Nothing has changed on the mooring front. They added a few residents to the waiting list it looks like a couple moorings that were lost that residents will have to replace.
7. Blight Panel – Nothing new to report.
8. Nominating Charter/Committee – Angelo mentioned that 4 positions open – three current members and an open Secretary position.

New Business

1. Beach Towing Discussion – Change to McLaughlin Towing as they will comply with the new law. Jon made a motion to accept. Doug seconded. All in favor.
2. Roadway Replacement Discussion – There was discussion on curbing and core sampling. The base was better on Skyline than South Lake Shore. Angelo made a motion to accept the proposal up to \$250,000 for Skyline Drive. Jon seconded. All in favor.
3. Draft Budget Discussion – David made a motion to approve the budget. Jon seconded. All in favor.
4. Catch Basin Cleaning – No decision was made on proposal and will discuss with maintenance vendor.

Old Business

1. Acoustic Panels Discussion – Tabled.
2. Vacant Lot Right of First Refusal – Obtain update from Angelo.
3. Water Treatment Project Update – The Aquarion sale was approved and it seems like the State might appeal. A few Board members had a call with the Department of Health to keep them apprised. The grant application was accepted in the meantime.

Second Public Comment

- Makaela Karam– 6 Dogwood – A question about the holiday tree and who would take care of it. Beautification would obtain it and CT Fence would install.
- Elizabeth Longworth - 1 South Lake Shore Drive – There was a question on the budget for the requested increase on beautification. There was a comment on water being done in house in the past.

Executive Session

Dave made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:59pm. Angelo seconded. All in favor.

David made a motion to exit executive session at 9:17pm. Jon seconded. All in favor.

Adjournment

Jon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:217pm . David seconded. All in favor.